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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SINGLE-ACTION

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May 4, 2004

Date

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is filed in response to the election/restriction requirement dated April 7, 2004. The Examiner is requiring an election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of processing returns, classified in class 705, subclass 22.
- II. Claims 10-16, drawn to a method of identifying an individual in a system of customers, classified in class 705, subclass 9.
- III. Class 17-20, drawn to a computer system, classified in class 700, subclass 200.

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Applicant hereby elects with traverse to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-9. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims (Claims 10-20) at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicant also encloses a Change of Correspondence Address for the records.

Applicant believes no further fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2634.

Respectfully submitted,

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